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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 5729

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: REPORTED MC RELEASE OF F-18L TECHNICAL DATA

1. LOCAL NORTHROP VP JABLONSKY TOLD POL-MIL COUNS
JUNE 28 THAT HE UNDERSTOOD OFFICE OF MUNITIONS CONTROL
(MC) HAD APPROVED JUNE 23 RELEASE OF TECHNICAL DATA
ON F-18L TO COVER SEVEN COUNTRIES, WHICH HE NAMED AS
UK, FRANCE, FRG, ITALY, CANADA, AUSTRILIA AND JAPAN.
JOBLONSKY SAID HE HAD CONFIRMED THE MC ACTION WITH
NORTHROP'S WASHINGTON OFFICE JUNE 27. NORTHROP, OF
COURSE, DELIGHTED WITH THIS DEVELOPMENT, BUT SORRY
APPROVAL DID NOT INCLUDE IRAN WHICH NORTHROP STILL
HOPED WOULD BE FORTHCOMING.

2. JABLONSKY WENT ON TO SAY THAT NORTHROP UNDERSTOOD
THE US AIR FORCE WAS GOING TO BUY THE F-18L, BUT
POINTED OUT THAT THE AIRPLANE WAS REALLY A US NAVY
PROJECT AND THE USN WILL BUY EIGHT HUNDRED
F-18A'S. JABLONSKY ADDED THAT THE MODIFICATIONS
TO CHANGE A F-18A TO A F-18L WERE NOT DIFFICULT ONES,
INVOLVING REDUCING THE WEIGHT SEVEN THOUSAND
POUNDS BY DOING AWAY WITH THE FOLDING WINGS,
HEAVY LANDING GEAR AND HOOK.

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3. WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION OF THE ACCURACY
OF THIS REPORT, INCLUDING AN EXPLANATION OF THE
CIRCUMSTANCES AND THE RATIONALE BEHIND THE MC
DECISION. WE NOTE THAT ALL OF THE SEVEN COUNTRIES ARE
AMONG THOSE EXEMPTED FROM THE PRESIDENT'S NEW
ARMS SALES POLICY. EVEN SO, WE MAY GET QUESTIONS

AS TO WHETHER THIS CHANGES (OR AT LEAST FORE-
SHADOWS A POSSIBLE CHANGE IN THE FUTURE) WHAT
WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY CONVEYED TO THE IRANIANS ABOUT
THE F-18L. WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE.
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